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SUBJECT: CPI: GRANT-IN-AID PROPOSAL: FLORIDA STATE

UNIVERSITY-BELGRADE UNIVERSITY

REF: BELGRADE 4889

1. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS PROVIDED REFTEL GREATLY APPRECIATED.

2. GEORGE MACESICH OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY (FSU) HAS NOW SUUMMITTED PROPOSAL TO CU TO EXPAND EXISTING GRANT-IN-AID TO INCLUDE 5 GRADUATE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS FROM UNIVERSITY OF TITOGRAĐ (COST DOLS 20,000), AND 8 AMERICAN AND YUGOSLAV SCHOLARS TO PARTICIPATE IN 6 SEMINARS (COST FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM DOLS 17,000). SUPPORT REQUESTED FROM CU FOR THIS EXPANSION TOTALS DOLS 37,000. PROPOSAL INDICATES FSU WOULD WAIVE TUITION AND FEES AMOUNTING TO DOLS 10,000 WHILE YUGOSLAV SIDE WOULD "MAKE AVAILA6LE DINAR SUPPORT (AMOUNT UNSPECIFIED) TO ASSIST PROGRAM IN YUGOSLAVIA."

3. IN ADDITION, MACESICH HAS INFORMED CU SEPARATELY THAT HEHOPES FSU WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SAME SUPPORT AS

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LAST YEAR (DOLS 62,000) THUS BRINGING TOTAL FSU REQUEST

TO CIRCA DOLS 100,000.

4. FYI. WHILE IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO EXPAND SCOPE OF EXISTING GRANT TO INCLUDE MONTENEGRIN PARTICIPANTS, AS EMBASSY RECOMMENDS, WE ANTICIPATE THAT MAXIMUM SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR FSU IN FY 76 WILL BE NO MORE THAN HALF RPT HALF OF TOTAL REQUESTED. THIS IS BASED ON PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR YUGOSLAVIA, AND TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION OTHER CPI PROJECTS SUCH AS JOHNS HOPKINS (BOLOGNA)- BELGRADE (DOLS 7,200); POSSIBLE REQUEST FROM UNIV OF CONNECTICUT (AMOUNT UNKNOWN); AND REQUEST FROM CSULU-ZAGREU (DOLS 10,000). END FYI.

5. IN RESPONDING, CU/EE INTENDS INFORM MACESICH THAT:

--BUDGET CONSTRAINTS RULE OUT PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED FUNDING;

--REQUESTS FOR CONTINUATION OF EXISTING GRANTS-IN-AID ARE BEING CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED FOR EFFECTIVENESS; AND

--CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF FSU-BELGRADE EXCHANGE ARE LESS COST-EFFECTIVE, E.G., SHORT TERM SEMINARS WITH THEIR HIGH TRAVEL COSTS.

THEREFORE, FSU SHOULD RESUBMIT SINGLE PROPOSAL (COMBINING BELGRADE AND TITOGRAĐ PROGRAMS, IF WARRANTED) WITH PRIORITY LISTING OF ALL ELEMENTS OF BOTH PROGRAMS. WHILE WE HAVE NOT GIVEN MACESICH ANY INDICATION OF AMOUNT OF FUNDING HE CAN EXPECT, WE HAVE ALLOWED HIM TO UNDERSTAND THAT A REDUCTION RATHER THAN EXPANSION IS FORESEEN.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE AND/OR COMMENTS TO INCLUDE FUNDING LEVEL (PARA 4), PROSPECTS FOR EARLY INTEGRATION OF FSU EXCHANGE INTO AYEC PROGRAM (PARA 11 REFTEL), AND RELATIVE PRIORITY GIVEN FSU EXCHANGE IN RELATION TO OTHER CPP PROJECTS. COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF FSU AND OTHER CPI EXCHANGES MUST BE MADE IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL CU COUNTRY ALLOCATION FOR YUGOSLAVIA. FOR THIS REASON, WE BELIEVE THESE PROJECTS SHOULD BE COMPARED

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IN COST EFFECTIVENESS WITH OTHER CU PROGRAMS IN YUGOSLAVIA AND FUNDED ACCORDINGLY FROM THE CU COUNTRY ALLOCATION. KISSINGER

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